



WEEKLY PUBLIC & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT

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- **Recap and status:**

- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP)-2:** The grant application was sent to HUD last week and is also posted on Louisville Metro Housing Authority's website (www.lmha1.org). The proposal was for 120 units, 80 of which are single family and 40 rental. The grant requires 25% of the funds (\$7 million) to be spent serving 50% average median income (AMI) households. The full grant request was for \$30.7 million. The proposal includes a Data Fusion system to coordinate data to administer the NSP grant and to help other housing development organizations. A Community Land Trust is also proposed to guarantee long-term housing affordability. There is a commitment from Housing and Family Services of \$1 million in NSP-1 funds to do a lot of activities that NSP-2 does not allow, particularly for public facilities improvement. There is also a \$600,000 home commitment through New Directions to do owner-occupied rehab which is not allowed in NSP-2. HUD's timeline for announcement of the NSP-2 grant awards is December 1.

- **Public Housing Capital - Competitive:**

Applications have been submitted for Categories 1 and 4. Category 4 is the substantial "green" rehabilitation for The Friary to create three and four-bedroom units. The bulk of the 60 points for scoring this category involve meeting mandatory criteria for "green" initiatives. Partners in this endeavor are Kentuckiana Works and YouthBuild Louisville who will assist in recruiting public housing residents to work on the project. The total request was for \$4.3 million.

Category 1 addresses the needs of elderly and disabled to make units fully accessible. Four different applications were submitted for this category by priority for Avenue Plaza, Dosker Manor, Sheppard Square and Beecher Terrace. The total request is for 22 units for \$2.8 million. These grants can only be used for public housing. HUD's timeline for making decisions is September 30th.

Cathy Hinko noted the State received \$72 million in weatherization grant funds, awarded Louisville \$4.8 million for weatherization for three years and held back \$10 million for training over the next three years. The group discussed whether some of the State's \$10 million for training could be used to supplement Kentuckiana Works and YouthBuild on these grant projects.

- **Fixed Capital Funds status**

Of the \$14 million received by LMHA for shovel-ready projects, \$7-8 million are obligated and/or spent already. The \$14 million has to be all obligated and 60% spent by March 12, 2011 and 100% spent by March 12, 2012. LMHA will have it all obligated by March 12, 2010.

- **Meeting hiatus**

Regular weekly meetings are probably not necessary until HUD makes the grant awards.

- **Other**

The suggestion was made that this committee hold a special meeting with Keith Jackson to discuss weatherization and Bruce Traugher and Michael Gritton to discuss money and loans available for new businesses through the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant.